

the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire of German Nations. In accordance with the above mentioned conclusion of the Netherlandish republican government which was in effect in Holland and and West Friand (Friesland), all mail for the Netherlandish army was collected at the city of Hague. From there the Field Post mail was forwarded each Monday and Thursday at 5 p. m., to Strigen-Sas, which took 6 to 7 hours by riding messengers and mail wagons. As the route ran over the Dutch Dieps (a sea) an "Entre Post Comptoir" (a kind of branch postal station) was established on the shore of the sea. At the southern shore, near Moerdijk the postal route ran over Flemish territory, at that time Austrian territory. In the Dutch city of Kortrijk, the army's headquarters of the Prince of Orange, the Field Post mail arrived on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mail from the Netherlandish army was forwarded in the same way so that it reached Moerdijk Monday and Thursday evenings from where the mail was carried by postillons to the capital, Hague. Meantime the Austrians and Frenchmen had been driven out and the General States, a republic of the United Netherlands (Holland and Belgium) were free. By the peace of Vienna in 1815 the Netherlands were made a kingdom. But in 1830 Belgium achieved independence and was made a separate kingdom. This Field Post service was a master piece of a regular postal messenger service during war times.

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